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Docket No.	FIS9-2003-0418-US1
Serial No.	10/766,549
Filing Date	01/27/2004
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Attached:Amendment Transmittal Letter &amp; Amendment &amp; Declaration

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In re application of: <b>Zahi M. Kurzum, et al.</b>	Date: <b>February 14, 2006</b>
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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 14, 2005, the following  
Amendment is being submitted to place the above-identified application in prima facie  
condition for allowance.

Kindly amend the following claims and consider the following Remarks: